

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
M E D I C A L E X A M I N E R D E P A R T M E N T
NUMBER 1 ON BOB HOPE RD MIAMI, FLORIDA 33136 (305) 545-9400
INVESTIGATION REPORT

M.E. CASE NO. 86-2512 A
DATE SEP/30/86

TURNER, TAMMIE (REMAINS UNKNOWN)
28 BLACK FEMALE DOB AUG/13/58
1243 N.W. 61ST ST., # 3, MIAMI, FLORIDA.

PLACE OF DEATH: 1829 NW 64TH STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA.
TIME OF DEATH: FOUND 3:30 PM. SEP/30/86

INVESTIGATING AGENCY: METRO #427358-G/ DET.KING

INCIDENT LOCATION: 1829 NW. 64TH STREET, MIAMI, FLORIDA.
SEP/00/86 UNK SCENE M.E. JAY S. BARNHART, JR. MD

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CAUSE OF DEATH: HOMICIDE BY UNSPECIFIED MEANS. AMENDED BY J.H. DAVIS, M. D.,
CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER: 6/21/89-DJM.

MANNER: ACCIDENT DATE AUTOPSY OCT/01/86 BY JAY S. BARNHART, JR. MD

MORTUARY: HALL, FERG. HEWITT

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CAUSE OF DEATH: PENDING TOXICOLOGY AND FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

MANNER: UNCLASSIFIED DATE AUTOPSY, OCT/01/86 BY JAY S. BARNHART, JR. MD

MORTUARY:

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CAUSE OF DEATH: *Pending toxicology and further investigation*

MANNER: DATE AUTOPSY OCT/01/86 BY JAY S. BARNHART, JR. MD

MORTUARY:

PR 10/1/86

IP

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

Name.TURNER, Fannie.....Case No. 86-2512

SCENE INVESTIGATION

DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL: September 30, 1986
6:30 p.m.

POLICE AGENCY AND INVESTIGATOR: Metro-Dade Police Department
Detective John King

INITIAL SYNOPSIS OF EVENTS:

According to police, neighbors were alerted by a foul smell coming from this run-down, unoccupied house at 1829 N.W. 64th Street. Police were summoned and upon entering found the nude decomposing body of a black woman lying on the floor inside the front door.

ENVIRONMENT:

The yard around this single story house is grown up with weeds and strewn about with junk among which are numerous propane tanks. Upon arrival of police the door was closed but not locked. The inside of the house has numerous swarming flies and the air is permeated by a strong odor of postmortem decomposition. The floor boards are rotten in many places. Strewn around the rooms and adjacent to the body are numerous items including a tube of tooth paste, bottles of wine, a douche bag, body lotions, and items of female clothing. A long cylindrical piece of wood measuring approximately 1 inch in diameter x 16 inches in length is under the deceased's right arm.

VICTIM(s):

The deceased is a young black female who is nude, supine, and whose head is directed south in the direction of the front door. The body is in a "floating in space" position with the arms extended to the sides and somewhat elevated and the legs separated with the knees slightly bent. Numerous flies, fly eggs, and maggots are over the entire body surface and within the orifices, the vaginal and rectal contents are protruding. There is no external evidence of injury. Adjacent to the body is a wallet in which is a picture and identification of a 28 year old black female named "Linda Ann Dobson".

SCENE IMPRESSION:

Nude black female with prostitutional paraphernalia found decomposing in abandoned house, possibly victim of homicide by unspecified means or drug overdose.

NOTE: The foregoing is incomplete and may be speculative.


Jay S. Barnhart, Jr. M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
INVESTIGATION REPORT

Police Case No. 427358-G

Poss.

NAME OF THE DECEASED: LINDA ANN DOBSON Age 28 Race B Sex F
Address 1243 NW 61 ST #3 Date of Birth 8-13-58
Social Security No. 263-61-7078 Occupation UNK. Employer UNK
Place of Death 1829 NW 64 ST.

Death Occurred _____ 19____ M. in the presence of _____
or
Found Dead 9-30 1986, 3³⁰ M. by ROBERT BROWN Bm 46yrs.

Identified by ID CARD ON SCENE Address 2010 NW 191 TR.

Date/Time Viewed by Investigator 9-30 1986, 4⁵⁵ P. M. Medical Examiner at Scene DR. BARNHART

HISTORY: (What happened just prior to death and when was victim last seen alive?) AT APPROX 3³⁰

9-30-86 MR. ROBERT BROWN WAS LOOKING THROUGH THE YARD
OF AN ABANDONED CONDEMNED RESIDENCE WHEN HE
SMELLED A FOUL ODOR. HE INVESTIGATED AND DISCOVERED
THE VICTIM DECEASED IN THE SOUTH ROOM OF THE
STRUCTURE. THE VICTIM WAS FOUND COMPLETELY
NUDE WITH ITEMS OF CLOTHING NEAR BY ON THE
FLOOR - TRAUMA UNK AT THIS TIME. Possible manner of death UNK

If Violent Death: Date/Time of Incident _____ 19 UNK. M. Weapon/Cal. _____

Exact Location/Address of Incident 1829 NW 64 ST At work NO
(Specify Street, Parking Lot, Bar etc.)

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Clothing NUDE

Position/Location of Body: SUPINE ON FLOOR SOUTH ROOM

NOT OBSERVABLE.

Lividity: Yes _____ No _____ Consistent _____ Body Heat: Warm: _____ Cool _____ Cold ✓

Rigor Mortis: None ✓ Slight _____ Full _____ Decomposition: None _____ Slight _____ Advanced ✓

Trauma: Yes _____ No _____ Describe UNKNOWN - BODY DECOMPOSED

NAMES OF DOCTORS/HOSPITALS who attended deceased during life: _____

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN: UNKNOWN. Relation _____

Address _____ Telephone _____ Notified: Yes _____ No ✓

Valuables and Disposition _____ Medication to M.E.: Yes _____ No ✓

Investigating Agency MDPD Report Submitted by [Signature] Date: 9-30, 1986, 7¹⁰ P. M.

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
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(305) 549-7337

CASE INFORMATION

DATE 10/1/86
mo. day yr.

11:59 AM
time

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Called
Mother Turner,
621-4705

To Advise Body ready for release.
Line Body _____ Dtm

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
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(305) 549-7337

CASE INFORMATION

DATE 10 1 86
mo. day yr.

8:05 AM

time

86-2512

M.E. Case #

RE: REMAINS, UNKNOWN

ID BY PRINTS AS TAMMIE TURNER

JMH # 065 66 29, REQUESTED
UNDER TAMMIE TURNER

[Signature]

*Call
JMH - records
Francis
N/LA*

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 10/1/86
mo. day yr.

7:45 AM
time

86-2512
M.E. Case #

JMH
Records

RE. DABSON, LINDA

Requested Chart

#1173007

A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading "L. Dabson", is written in the bottom right corner of the document.

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DATE 10 / 1 86
mo. day yr.

9:00AM
time

86-2512
M.E. Case #

RE: TURNER, TAMMIE

In office
DET. JOHN KING

NOTIFIED NOK AT 8:00PM
9/30/86

NOK - MATTIE TURNER - MOTHER
3020 NW. 205 St.

POSS. - 621-4705

* LINDA DOBSON IS ALIVE AT THIS TIME.

[Signature]

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mo. day yr.

6:00 P/m
time

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MDPD
613

1829 NW 64 ST.

Unclass. (pouch)

Dr. Barnhart - 794-0208 - car } 6:02 P/m
945-7446 - home }
186-617 - Beeper }
Notified _____ 6:05 P/m

J. Burns

Wagon
6:50 P/m
marty

MEDICAL EXAMINERS DEPARTMENT
1050 N.W. 19 Street
MIAMI, FL

CRIME SCENE SEARCH DETAIL

POLICE AGENCY MDPD

MEDICAL EXAMINER CASE # 86-2512 DATE 9-30-86

POLICE (AGENCY) CASE # 427358-G TIME 8:40 PM

NAME OF DECEASED unk. Remains poss. Linda Dobson

FOLLOW-UP/PROCESSING COMPLETED:

☒ FINGERPRINTING

☐ BLOOD STANDARD

☐ PALM PRINTING

☐ NEUTRON ACTIVATION

☐ FINGERNAIL SCRAPINGS

☐ CLOTHING

☐ HAIR STANDARD COLLECTIONS

☐ PHOTOGRAPH

☐ OTHER _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION _____

A. H. Calk 1076
I. D. TECHNICIAN

POSITIVE I.D. BY FINGERPRINTS MADE ON 86-2512

UNDER THE NAME OF Tammy Turner

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 1948 NW 99 St. Miami
2275 NW 155 St. Miami

DOB 8-13-61 OTHER I.D. # 245 144

SS # 264-73-8555

CALL BY Tech. Calhoun-MDPD-ID
9-30-86 9:10 PM

86-2512

Meeting of Police / Medical Exam.
- Oct. 3, 1986 -

Attendees

1. NORM KASSOFF - MED. EXAM.
2. ROBERT KENNINGTON MDPD CRIME LAB FIREARMS
3. Luis ALBUERNE MPD
4. ~~John BURMASTER~~ MPD
5. David W. RIVERS M.D.P.D.
6. Rex Kenley M.D.P.D.
7. John LePire M.D.P.D.
8. ROBERT HART MDPD FAID
9. JAMES CARR MDPD FAID
10. AL HARPER MDPD
11. A. R. COPELAND DCME
12. D. J. Wickham DCME
13. MIKE GONZALEZ MPD HOM.
14. B. C. ROBERSON MPD
15. J H Davis M.F.

86-2291

Right Ear at scene Part of left inner ear
Eye glasses put back on Pt. Dathent
Upper abdominal stab gha mine
Victim carried a gun (magazine)

86-1836 Myers 30 WPM Vagant

Lost 20 B.W. Found 60

Stabbed

Both ears cut

but not off

Ran 266 feet before he collapsed

Went to County

Alcoholic Drugs No apparent relationship

(Toxicology clear)

Hesitation marks on ear

20 cuts/marks few deep, x others etc.

86-1324 Walter 36 WPM

Witness heard noise heard like

MEMORANDUM

107.07-17A

TO Dr. Joseph Davis
Chief Medical Examiner
1050 NW 19th Street
Miami, FL 33125

DATE October 2, 1986

SUBJECT Public Records Request

FROM

Tim Minton
NEWS 4
Miami, FL 33128

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
MEDICAL EXAMINER

OCT 02 1986

In accordance with the relevant provisions of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, I request to inspect and/or copy the following public records:

- 86-2512
- 86-2525
- 86-1324
- 86-1836
1. Medical Examiner's "cover sheet" describing date, location, age, address, cause of death and other preliminary findings in the case of Tammie Turner, a black female who died in Dade County on or about September 30, 1986.
 2. Medical Examiner's "cover sheet" containing information detailed in item #1 (above) for the case of Harry Byers, a white male who died in Dade County on or about October 2, 1986.
 3. Medical Examiner's "cover sheet" containing information detailed in item #1 (above) for the case of Clair Walters, who died in Dade County on or about May 22, 1986.
 4. Medical Examiner's "cover sheet" containing information detailed in item #1 (above) for the case of James Myers, a white male who died in Dade County on or about July 20, 1986.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this request. If you believe that all or portions of the materials requested are exempt from disclosure under the law, for any reason, please explain in writing.

When you've completed your work with regard to this request, please telephone 579-1553 so that we may send a messenger to pick up the documents. If I am not available, Gary Mehalik or Charles Brooks can assist you.

Again, thank you for your help with this matter.

cc: Alan Rosenthal, esq.
Michael Beardsley, Assistant News Director, NEWS 4

To Jay Bernhart

10/3/86

Re

86-2512

Tammie Turner

There is a B/w photo in case file. Please
note on the back of the photo how this photo got to the
case file.

JTB

10/3/86 meeting @ police

						Ear
86 - 1324	Walters	36 w/m	7500 Biscayne	5/22/86	Left	
- 1836	Myers	30 w/m	60 th + Bisc.	7/20	Left	B. in cut not off
- 2291	Kelly	61 w/m	6420 S. D. Xie	Tipi. 8w particular 9/20	Right	Recovered (5.1.78)
- 2430	Branch	40 B/m	9245 NW 25 Ave	9/21/86	Right	
- 2512	Turner	28 B/m	1829 NW 64 St.	9/30/86		
- 2525	Byers	68 w/m	6630 Bisc. Blvd	10/2/86	Left	

86-2525 Byers - Vagant - lived in Legoin Park 6630 Bisc
Blvd. Apt. 2nd fl east next to a bus kennel

Wound - Vertical stab abdomen - on wound multiple
back / forth knife in & turn & different direction
- Right black eye
- Left ear cut - top down Not recovered

Evidence - Hair right hand between thumb and forefinger
No robbery -
Shoe prints in park area

86-2512 Turner 28 B/m 1829 NW 64 St.
Not on Ear Case

86-2430 Branch 40 w/m 9245 NW 25 Ave 9/21/86
Employed by Dade Co.



Hall-Ferguson-Hewitt

1900 N. W. 54TH STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33142

TELEPHONE: (305) 633-0688

M.E.

AUTHORIZATION

I hereby designate the above-named funeral establishment to take charge of funeral arrangements for: JAMES F. TURNER, and I authorize the release and removal of the remains to said funeral establishment for the purpose of embalming and/or other scientific preparation.

I represent that I am the next of kin, or am acting as a duly authorized agent for the next of kin.

Signed: _____

Relationship: _____

Co-Signed: _____

Relationship: _____

WITNESS: _____

DATE: _____

M. H. G. Jr. *Oct. 1, 1986*

FOR VERBAL (TELEPHONE) AUTHORIZATION:

Authorization from _____

Relationship _____

Date _____

Time _____

Received by _____

METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER
MIAMI, FLORIDA

DECEASED'S VALUABLES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY RECORD

NAME OF DECEASED WIK TURNER, TAMMIE M.E. CASE NO. 86-2512
TIME 7⁴⁵ pm DATE 09/30/86
AGE 28 RACE B SEX F HEIGHT 5-6
WEIGHT (with clothes) _____ (without clothes) 147 (with wet clothes) _____
FINGERPRINTED: YES RGH NO _____

MALE

CLOTHES

FEMALE

SHOES _____ SOCKS _____ SHOES _____ STOCKINGS _____ SOCKS _____
JACKET _____ SWEATER _____ COAT _____ SWEATER _____ JACKET _____
TIE _____ SHIRT _____ DRESS _____ BLOUSE _____ SKIRT _____
TROUSERS _____ SHORTS _____ BELT _____ SHORTS _____ SLACKS _____
UNDERSHIRT _____ T SHIRT _____ UNDERSHORTS _____ SLIP _____ PANTIES _____ CORSET _____ BRA _____
PAJAMAS _____ PAJAMAS _____ GOWN _____
DENTURES: U. _____ L. _____ TRUSS _____ DENTURES: U. _____ L. _____
MISCELLANEOUS _____ MISCELLANEOUS _____

VALUABLES

(List all money, jewelry, keys, personal papers & other valuables)

None

RECEIVED BY RG Franetovich MORGUE ATTENDANT WITNESS John A. Liguori

REMOVED FROM M.E. OFFICE BY

BODY K. Landford REPRESENTING Hall-Ferguson Hewitt DATE 10-2-86 TIME 2:55 pm
CLOTHES _____ REPRESENTING _____ DATE _____ TIME _____
VALUABLES _____ REPRESENTING _____ DATE _____ TIME _____

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT
NUMBER ONE ON BOB HOPE ROAD, MIAMI, FL 33136-1133
PHONE (305) 545-2400 FAX (305) 545-2418**

INVESTIGATION REPORT

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DATE: SEP/30/1986

TYPE: A

TURNER, TAMMIE (AKA)

SS#:

28 YEAR(S)

BLACK

FEMALE

D.O.B. AUG/13/1958

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MANNER: HOMICIDE

AUTOPSY

OCT/01/1986

DOCTOR: BARNHART, JAY S., M.D.

MORTUARY: HALL,FERG.HEWITT

INVESTIGATOR: PEDREGUERA, IVAN

**THIS REPORT MAY CONTAIN NON-VERIFIED INFORMATION
AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT

CLASSIFICATION OF PENDING CASE

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M.E. Case # 86-2512

Name (If known) Turner, Tammie

Cause of Death:
(Item 24)

Homicide by Unspecified Means

Due to:

Due to:

Contributory Cause:

Manner of Death:
(Item 27a)

Homicide Unknown date Unknown time

How Incident Occurred:
(Item 27d)

Victim found abandoned, nude; apparently molested

Rationale for Classification:

1. Abandoned ♀
2. Nude
3. Sexual pattern
4. Fits epidemiologist pattern of 19 cases including homicides
5. Cocaine (Brown) 1.07 mg/kg in line with others
6. Decomposition has obliterated any evidence - if any - of neck or mouth injury

Medical Examiner

M - D - Y
Date

Approved by _____

6/18/89
M - D - Y

Date

Master List - Study of 19 Cases

86-2512

Already Classified as Homicide

- 1 88-3093 Black, B.
- 2 89-243 Spices, A
- 3 89-906 Williams, A
- 4 89-997 Hernandez, B

Well preserved - not decomposed bodies

- 1 87-2006 Samuels, W
- 2 87-2017 Taylor, M
- 3 87-2633 Rozier, E
- 4 88-1055 Gray, S
- 5 88-3075 Edwards, E
- 6 88-3119 Lathimory, B
- 7 88-3575 Burns, A
- 8 89-323 Stewart, L
- 9 89-981 Gooden, P

Decomposed or insect altered bodies - including skeletons

- 1 86-2512 Turner, T
- 2 88-2596 Henderson, J
- 3 88-2637 Johnson, L
- 4 88-3118 Rolfe, R
- 5 89-346 Harris, V
- 6 89-883 Bodie, C

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 8/19/89
mo. day yr.

10:50 AM
time

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per Miami Herald newspaper article yesterday
Charles Williams was in jail when this death occurred.

Need to verify what dates they are talking about.
This victim is deceased. Died several days. Was Williams
in jail long time or short time?

J. P. Davis

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M.E. Case # 86-3512

Name (if known) Turner, Tammy

Cause of Death:
(Item 24)

Due to: Cocaine ~~Intoxication~~ Intoxications

Due to:

Contributory Cause:

Manner of Death:
(Item 27a)

Accidental

How Incident Occurred:
(Item 27d)

R. ingested cocaine.

Rationale for Classification:

Male, decaying B/F, found lying on
her back on floor of abandoned building.
Clothes on floor and taken around her. Not torn.
Douchebag and personal items (toothbrush,
perfume, body lotion etc.) beside body.
History of prostitution and cocaine and
other drug use.
Cocaine and alcohol reported on tox.
No autopsic cause of death.
No evidence of trauma.

[Signature]
Medical Examiner

12 10 86
M - D - Y
Date

Approved by [Signature]

12 10 86
M - D - Y
Date

No evidence for homicide, suicide
or natural death;
Too old code OD.

Preponderance of evidence at this time
is Accidental OD of cocaine. By 12/10/86

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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 12 10 86
mo. day yr.

1:10 p
time

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Called MDPD and spoke with Sgt. Remmen
who has been following the case with Det. King and
who was at the scene when the body was examined by
me.
He said that they have no basis for believing
there was a homicide, "unless she was suffocated". She
had a history of prostitution and drug abuse.
He said the police would be satisfied with either
an accidental drug o.d. or leaving the case
permanently unclassified.



Nov. 6, 1989

Miami - Herald

87-2512

Suspect is linked to 19th slaying

By DONNA GEHRKE
Herald Staff Writer

Charles Henry Williams, already the prime suspect in the slayings of 18 inner-city women, has been linked to the murder of another: a



20-year-old who, like three other victims, was seen with him on her last day alive.

Sandra Jackson, only four foot eight and 84 pounds, was alone with six-foot-three Williams, a convicted rapist known

for choking his victims, on March 23 after the two had visited with Jackson's cousin. Her body was found the next day in a wooded vacant lot at Northwest 13th Place and 38th Street.

Williams "was one of the last individuals seen with her alive," said

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Convicted rapist linked to 19th slaying

WILLIAMS, FROM 1B

Tony Rodriguez, Miami homicide detective.

Like many of the 18 other victims, Jackson was found nude and asphyxiated in Northwest Dade, lying on her back with her legs spread.

Homicide detectives believe Williams, a baby-faced former maintenance worker, may be responsible for the 19 slayings — and perhaps more — because the methods of murder are strikingly similar.

"We've never had this many that seemed to fall into a pattern," said Dr. Joseph Davis, Dade's medical examiner.

Williams, 33, has been in the Dade County Jail for the past six months but has not been charged in any of the murders. He was charged with two counts of rape unrelated to the slayings. Metro and Miami homicide detectives say they don't have enough proof — even though he first murder came under investigation more than a year ago.

Williams has admitted to police that he knew some of the victims, but he has steadfastly denied killing anyone.

The slayings stopped once Williams was jailed in early April on the rape charges.

The first of the 19 victims — 18 of them black and one Hispanic — was found dead in July 1987.

Jackson was victim No. 15. The bodies of four other women were found before Williams was arrested in early April. Miami police did not disclose Jackson's connection to Williams and the other homicide victims until detectives recently gave depositions in court.

Jackson, a former cook in a sandwich shop, went by the name Sonia because she hated her given name. "She was my sweet baby," said her boyfriend Kirk Stevens, the father of her 2-year-old son, also named Kirk.

Like many of the other 18 victims, Jackson was a drug addict "doing tricks for crack," her family told investigators.

Just before her murder, she was desperately trying to break her

crack habit, said Vincent Lawrence, a distant relative who unsuccessfully tried to find a rehabilitation program for her. "I couldn't find anything free for her," he said.

On March 24, a man working in his yard found Jackson's strangled body next door in an overgrown lot in the Brownsville neighborhood. A brown coat covered her nude body. Her shoes were found nearby.

In the next 11 days, four more bodies of women were found. Two of them had been badly beaten and strangled, as Jackson was.

On March 26, the body of Angela Williams, 23, was found in an open field at Northwest 21st Avenue and 68th Street. The killer had beaten her face, breaking her jaw and teeth.

A week later, in another vacant lot at Northwest 23rd Avenue and 46th Street, children found the body of Brenda Hernandez, 24, whose chest and neck were battered like Jackson's.

Williams was picked up near the Hernandez murder site by homicide detectives a day after the body was found.

As in Jackson's case, witnesses saw Williams with Hernandez on the last day of her life.

Jailers later found scratches on Williams' back and fresh bite marks on his penis.

Metro homicide detective Joseph McMahon said Williams readily talked to homicide detectives.

Investigators said Williams told them he had been with some of the victims — but they were alive when he left them.

He said people in the neighborhood who say he is the murderer are picking on him. They didn't like him, Williams complained.

From canvassing Brownsville after the murders, police found at least two women who said they had survived attacks by Williams. The investigators and the alleged victims described the attacks in recent depositions.

One, an admitted prostitute, told McMahon that she had been raped and choked to unconsciousness in March by a man known on the streets as "Bumper" or "Bump."

McMahon showed her a Polaroid of Williams.

"That's him, she said.

She said she hadn't gone to police sooner because she didn't think officers "give a damn about street hookers or prostitutes," McMahon said in a deposition.

The second victim said she was raped by Williams in the Brownsville neighborhood on March 18, six days before Jackson's body was found.

"She said at first he had grabbed her in a choke hold, putting his arm around her neck," Miami homicide detective Frank Castillo said in a deposition. "She said that he had her under control. She couldn't get away from him. The harder she would try to push away, the tighter the choke would get around her neck."

The two women pressed rape charges against Williams. He is scheduled to go to trial Nov. 13. But the trial is likely to be postponed — for a third time. Prosecutor Dennis Siegel is planning to be out of the state that week to attend a seminar.

Meanwhile, police remain close-mouthed about the homicide investigation.

Williams' defense attorney, Howard Landau, believes homicide in-

vestigators are now conducting genetic DNA tests to see if they can trace back to Williams any body fluids found on the victims. The tests are usually done to connect rapists to their victims, usually through semen.

Despite Landau's objections, the Dade state attorney's office recently obtained a court order to take blood and saliva samples from Williams.

Miami homicide detective Rodriguez wouldn't talk about the genetic tests. "We're following up every avenue that's available to us that can assist us in these investigations," he said.

Rodriguez and John Farrell, Metro chief of detectives, said officers have pursued dozens of leads without the breakthrough they were counting on.

"Unfortunately, we haven't been able to put together anything of significance," Rodriguez said. "It's just a shame, it's a tragedy. I really feel that somebody out there saw or heard something that could help us solve at least one of these cases."

"Serial killers don't stop killing," he said. "They either get arrested, they die or they move somewhere and continue."

AFFIDAVIT OF AMENDMENT TO MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF DEATH

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VITAL STATISTICS

FLORIDA

ENTER INFORMATION CONCERNING DECEASED PERSON	NAME OF DECEASED (TYPE OR PRINT)		FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	STATE FILE NO.
			Tammie		Turner	
	DATE OF DEATH	MONTH	DAY	YEAR	COUNTY	CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION
	Sept. 30, 1986				Dade	Miami
						Florida

AMENDED MEDICAL CERTIFICATION			
PART 1. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: (ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b), (c))			
24 CONDITIONS, IF ANY, WHICH GAVE RISE TO IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a), STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST	IMMEDIATE CAUSE		
	(a) <u>Homicide by unspecified means</u>		
	(b) _____		
	(c) _____		
PART II OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS—Conditions contributing to death but not related to cause given in PART I (a)			AUTOPSY (Specify Yes or No) 25. <u>Yes</u>
(Probably) ACCIDENT, SUICIDE or HOMICIDE; or UNDETERMINED (Specify)			WAS CASE REFERRED TO MEDICAL EXAMINER (Specify Yes or No) 26. _____
27a. <u>Homicide</u>		DATE OF INJURY (Mo., Day, Yr.) 27b. <u>Unknown</u>	HOUR OF INJURY 27c. <u>Unknown</u> M
INJURY AT WORK (Specify Yes or No)		PLACE OF INJURY—At home, farm, street, factory, office building, etc. (Specify)	DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED 27d. <u>Deceased found abandoned, nude, apparently molested</u>
27e. <u>Bi</u>		27f. <u>Home</u>	LOCATION STREET OR R.F.D. No. CITY OR TOWN STATE 27g. <u>1829 N W 64th St., Miami Florida</u>
To be Completed by CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN Only	20a. To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated. (Signature and Title)		To be Completed by MEDICAL EXAMINER
	DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.)	HOUR OF DEATH:	
	20b. NAME OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN IF OTHER THAN CERTIFIER (Type or print)	20c. _____ M	
	20d. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CERTIFIER (PHYSICIAN, MEDICAL EXAMINER) (Type or print)	20e. _____	
21a. On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion death occurred at the time, date and place and due to the cause(s) stated. (Signature and Title)		21b. _____	
DATE SIGNED (Mo., Day, Yr.)		HOUR OF DEATH	
21c. <u>June 21, 1989</u>		21d. <u>Unknown</u> M	
21e. <u>Found:</u>		21f. <u>Pronounced Dead (Mo., Day, Yr.)</u>	
21g. <u>ON Sept. 30, 1986</u>		21h. <u>AT 3:30 P</u> M	
22. <u>Medical Examiners Department Number One on Bob Hone Rd., Miami Fla 33136</u>			

AFFIDAVIT	THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN, STATES THAT THIS AFFIDAVIT IS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING MEDICAL CERTIFICATION FOR THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON, AND THAT THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION IS GIVEN AS THE BASIS OF THIS AMENDMENT:		
	Further investigation reveals: death fits the epidemiological pattern		
	of homicide.		
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Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services

State of Florida

CASE REVIEW

J. H. DAVIS, M.D.

NAME: Turner, Tammie
ME No.: 86-2512
Age/Race: 28 B
Police: MDPD
Date Found: 9/30/86
Police No.: 427358 G King
Coordinates: NW 1st Ave 64 St.
Site Character: Indoors - A abandoned house
Position: Supine legs spread
Clothing/Cover: Nude
Initial Class: Accident →
How by Unspec. Means
(JMD)
Preservation Status: Decomposed
Photos Eyes:)
" Lips:) Decomposed
" Ext. Neck:)
" Int. Neck: Photo - 8 injuries
Cocaine Blood: Brain 1.07 mg/kg
" Other:
Alcohol: .06 chest fluid .07 Brain
Other Drug:

EVIDENCE FOR HOMICIDE

ACCIDENT

Abandonment

Examine - unusual of foot

Nude &

but position does

Sex

no clear scene as

Cocaine

psychic autonomy

Alcohol found for P.M. production?

Note: Absence of injury among
of feet P.M. Decomposition
obliteration of evidence

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THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

Name...TURNER, Tammie Oct. 1, 1986 9:30 a.m....Case No. 86-2512

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Cocaine Intoxication

*See
amendment
J. H. Davis*

JSB:jl

Jay S. Barnhart, Jr.
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Associate Medical Examiner

Date: 2/9/87

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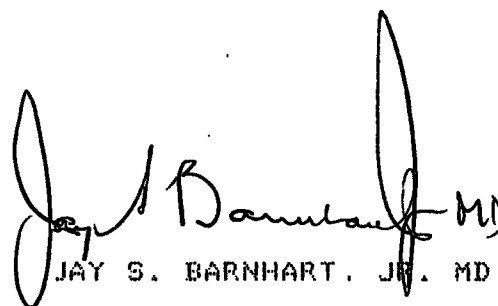
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DATE 09/30/86

TURNER, TAMMIE (REMAINS UNKNOWN)

28 BLACK FEMALE

BLADDER WASHINGS	DRUGS	NOT DETECTED
BRAIN	BENZOYLECGONINE	ADDENDUM
BRAIN	COCAINE	1.07 MG/KG
BRAIN	ETHANOL	0.07%
CHEST BLOOD	BENZOYLECGONINE	ADDENDUM
CHEST BLOOD	COCAINE	0.89 MG./L
CHEST BLOOD	ETHANOL	0.06%
OTHER	COCAINE	DETECTED


JAY S. BARNHART, JR. MD

DATE 10/16/86

THE DADE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER DEPARTMENT, Miami, Florida

Name...TURNER, Tammie Oct. 1, 1986 9:30 a.m....Case No. 86-2512

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of a decomposing, maggot infested, young black female who has marked bloating and skin slip. The body weighs 147 pounds and is 5 foot 6 inches in length. The scalp has no evidence of recent or remote trauma and is covered with a thick crop of black curly, 4 to 6 inch, long hair. Facial features are obliterated by bloating. Numerous maggots are in the nose, mouth and ears. A transversely oriented, 1 inch long, healed sutured scar is on the left upper forehead. The neck has no external evidence of trauma. The thorax and breasts are symmetrical. The abdomen has multiple striae and an old, curved, transversely oriented surgical scar is just above the pubis. The external genitalia and anus have protrusion of the vagina and rectum, respectively, as a result of decompositional change. There are no signs of trauma to the labia or thighs. The lower extremities are symmetrical and filled with gases. The subcutaneous tissues of the legs and arms have no evidence of trauma. The subcutaneous tissues of the arms and forearms have no evidence of needle tracks. The back is straight and unremarkable.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The soft tissues underlying the scalp have no evidence of trauma. The skull has no fractures. The 1200 gram brain is totally liquefied and without anatomic detail. After stripping the dura, no fractures are noted.

The tongue has no lacerations. The hyoid bone and thyroid cartilage have no evidence of trauma or surrounding extravasated blood. The trachea is filled with maggots. The epiglottis, aryepiglottic folds and vocal cords have no evidence of trauma.

The clavicles, sternum and ribs have no evidence of recent fractures. There is an old healed fracture of the right seventh rib posteriorly. The cervical, thoracic and lumbar vertebral column have no evidence of trauma.

The serosal cavities are filled with decompositional gas under pressure.

The 170 gram heart, 270 gram right lung and 290 gram left lung have marked decomposition. Anatomic detail is obscured.

The 740 gram liver has an intact capsule. The gallbladder is present. The 60 gram spleen is liquefied. The pancreas and adrenals are autolyzed.

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Name...TURNER, Tammie Oct. 1, 1986 9:30 a.m....Case No. 86-2512

The 70 gram right kidney and 90 gram left kidney are unremarkable except for decomposition. The ureters are intact. The bladder is filled with air.

The uterus has an old transverse scar across the lower urine segment. The fallopian tubes and ovaries are present and unremarkable.

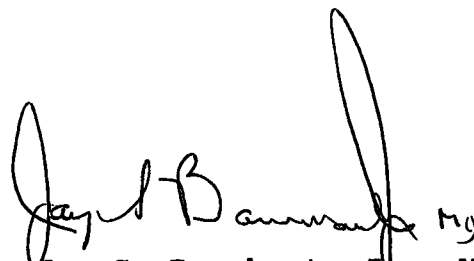
The stomach is filled with air. No food or pills are noted. The small and large intestines are unremarkable. The appendix is present.

The pituitary and thyroid gland are unremarkable.

AUTOPSY FINDINGS:

1. Maggot infestation and decompositional change
2. Old fracture, right seventh rib
3. Healed sutured scar on left forehead
4. Old transversely oriented suprapubic scar
5. Old transversely oriented lower uterine segment scar

JSB:jl


Jay S. Barnhart, Jr., M.D.
Associate Medical Examiner

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CASE INFORMATION

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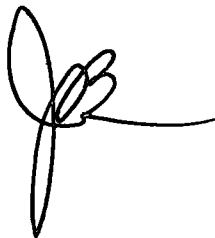
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Turner, Tommy

Microscopic

Heart: Decomposed

Liver: Decomposed



Full body, female, anterior and posterior views.

Name Turner Tammy

Autopsy No. 86-2512

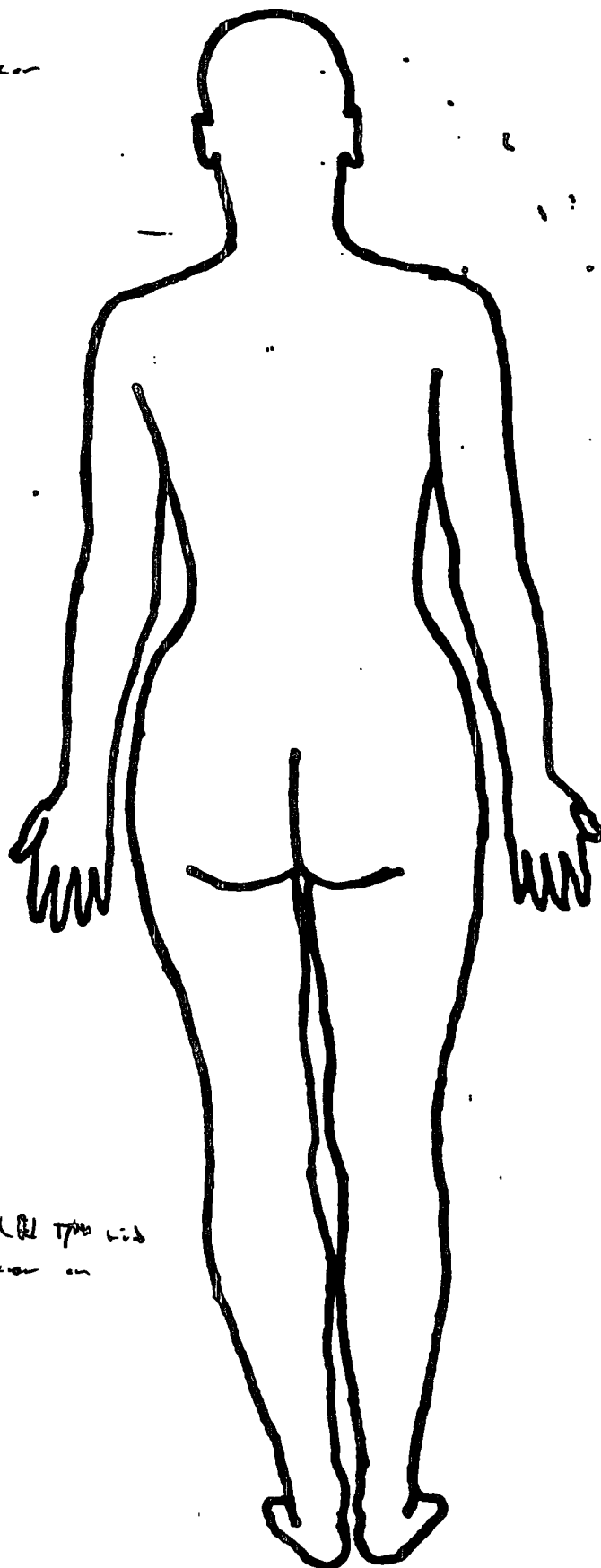
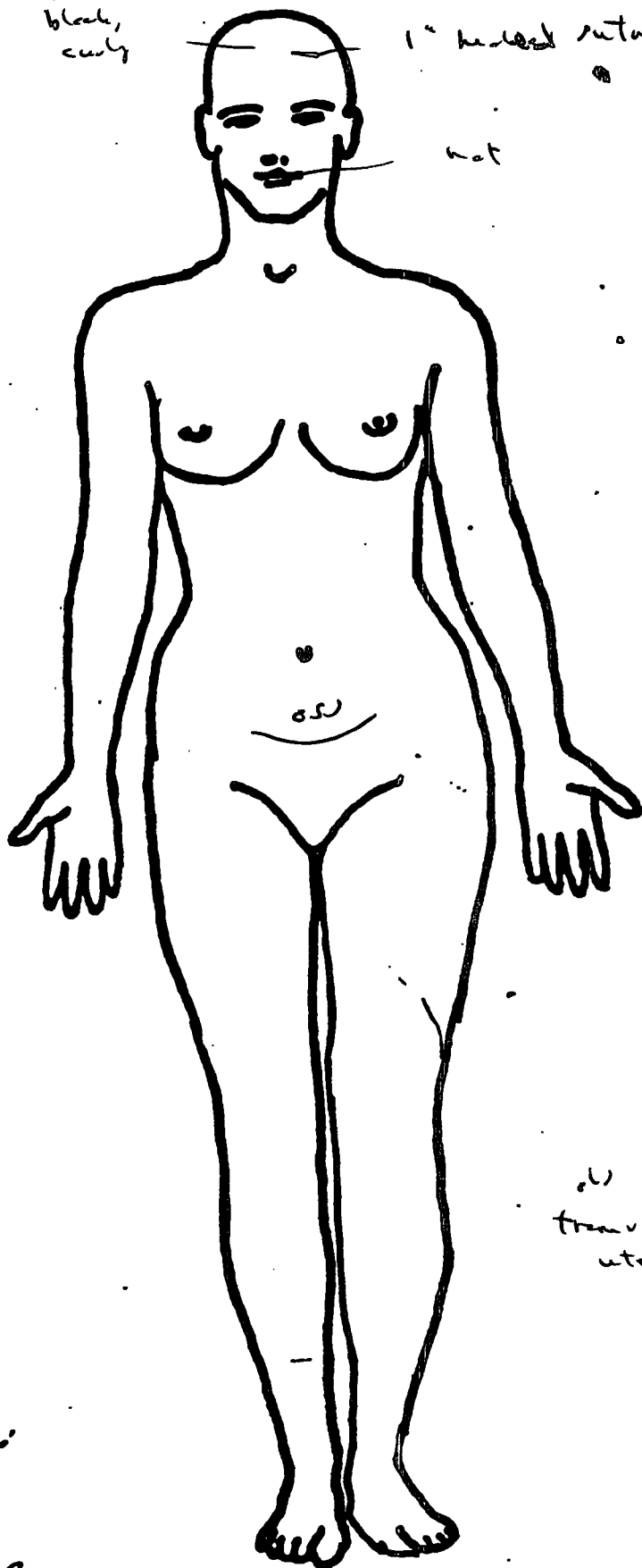
Age 25 Race B Sex F

Date 10/1/86

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curly

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not



1" de A(1) type is
transverse scar on
uterus

TAPE # _____ INITIALS _____
CASE # _____ DATE _____ MANNER _____ TIME _____
HT _____ AGE _____ HT _____ WT _____
RL _____ S _____
LL _____ RK _____
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B _____

NECK AIRWAY

HYOID
EPIGLOTTIS
THYROID
ESOPHAGUS
BONE
THYMUS
HEART

EPICARDIUM
CORONARY
VALVE
MYOCARDIUM
ENDOCARDIUM

AORTA

RIBS

PLEURAL CAVITY R. _____ L. _____ mls.

AIRWAY
VESSELS
TISSUE

PERITONEAL CAVITY _____ ml.

LIVER
GALLBLADDER _____ ml.
SPLEEN
ESOPHAGUS
STOMACH _____ ml.
APPENDIX
BOWEL

PETROPERITONEUM

PANCREAS
ADRENAL _____ cm.
KIDNEYS
URETERS
BLADDER _____ ml.

GENITALIA

SCALP

SKULL

BRAIN

PITUITARY

BONES

PELVIC
VERTEBRAL
EXTREMITIES



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CASE INFORMATION

DATE 12 29 93
mo. day yr.

12:30 p
time

86-2512
M.E. Case #

DECEASED NAME (IF KNOWN) Turner, Tommie

Advised to lab. to retain the "7 copper
screens, burnt," which are probably part of
drug paraphernalia. Case is a homicide which
remains unsolved

[Signature]